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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that actions speak louder than words. I don't see anybody out there in the corridor saying, run in there and oppose this because it's got religion in there and says you can't commit crimes against people because of their religion. He runs out there and talks to the people who are opposed to gay and lesbian people being treated like human beings and accorded the civil rights that this state produces and guarantees to everybody else. Well, I'm going to fight for those rights, and I'd even fight for the right for a Catholic to be free from discrimination based solely on religion. He doesn't know it, but I'm the one who made it possible for a provision to be added to this law in Nebraska to prohibit discrimination against Catholics in Ireland without consequences flowing. I did that for people in Senator Foley's church.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They happened to be across the ocean, but a Catholic is a Catholic is a Catholic. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. A couple of announcements. (Visitors introduced.) Then I would also like to announce that while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, that I propose to sign and do sign the following legislative bills that were read this morning: LB 46, LB 46A, LB 66, LB 66A, LB 146, LB 156, LB 168, LB 210, LB 249, LB 513, LB 754, LB 760, and LB 760A. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: My time to Senator Foley, please.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Foley, you have nearly five minutes.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senator Tyson. I had had a conversation with Senator Brashear a few moments ago and we discussed whether or not I would allow the committee amendment, at least that much, to be attached to the bill before I proceeded with further extended debate, and I told him that I would do that because the committee amendment is really neither here nor there as respect to my opposition to the bill. However, when Senator Chambers was speaking just a moment ago, I went to Senator Tyson and asked for some time because I